LOWER MISSISSIPPI LEVEES GIVING WAY UNDER THE STRAIN.

Disastrous Break Four and a Half Miles South of Delta, La., Reported Last Night.

OTHERS IN GREAT DANGER

IF NOT BROKEN, THEY MAY BE OVERTOPPED BY THE FLOOD.

No Great Loss of Life at Davis Island -Situation at New Orleans and Natchez-Omaha Safe.

VICKSBURG, Miss., April 16 .-- The Queen & Crescent route train dispatcher's office at 12 o'clock to-night reported that Bigg's He chartered a relief boat, which ran up levee, in Madison parish, broke at 10 o'clock and that the break was one hundred feet wide twenty minutes later. The break is four and a half miles south of Delta, La., and one-half mile above the upper end of Reid's levee. The news was sent to Delta at once, the operator there being roused out of bed and the message of warning sent along the line of the railroad westward. The levee is a very large one and has been engaging the special attention of the levee authorities for weeks or ever since the Mississippi crevasses. Several hundred convicts have been employed on it in addition to other laborers and so greatly had it been strengthened that only to-day the belief was confidently expressed by men living behind it that it would hold, The disaster will be a great one. The situariver for fifty miles above and below this city dwarfs every other feature of the flood problem into temporary insignificance The rise shows no sign of diminution and the levees are actually in danger of being topped by the water now pouring out of the Yazoo basin in a sheet twenty-five posite this city. In spite of the evident danger and of the repeated warnings of the Weather Bureau very few persons are removing stock to the highlands though all are taking other precautions it is believed. Captain Clark, of the ordnance department, who has visited the territory from Vicksburg to the mouth of the Red river, arrived on the mail steamer St. Joseph to day and states the suffering and destitution at Davis Island is great and in his opinion there is great probability of further loss of life. The island is twenty-two miles long and many parts of it not accessible except by small yawls or skiffs and he fears that when the great flood passes away that quite a number will be missing. Many families coming up on the different relief boats are scattered and at times their meeting when each thinks the other lost is most touching to the hardest heart.

FEW LIVES LOST.

No Great Disaster at Davis Island-Work on the Levees. MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 16.-Advices from

Natchez and other points below Vicksburg indicate that the supreme test in the flood situation is at hand. The swift current which is rising steadily, is beating against levees, and everything possible is being done to fight back the encroaching waters All kinds of rumors have been current today regarding wholesale loss of life on Davis island, but diligent telegraphic inknown that three negroes were drowned on

At Vicksburg the river is rising at the rate of four-tenths of a foot daily. The swift volume of water pouring out of the Yazoo into the Mississippi river at a point twelve miles north of Vicksburg will continue for several days. The levees between Bedford Store, four miles south of Delta, La., to Duckport, six miles above every man and boy available is at work strengthening the embankment. At some points in this stretch of levees the water is | this section. The Burlington tracks at East vashing over and the greatest alarm is

A more cheerful feeling exists in the delta to-night. At Greenville the backwater from Stop's Landing crevasse, which has been rising in the flooded part of the town during the last three days, is stationary, and will begin to fall to-morrow. Rosedale, Friar's Point, Heiena and other places report an encouraging improvement in the situation. The river declined onetenth of a foot at Greenville to-day, and the fall of two-tenths of a foot reported at construction of a foot reported at constr amount of water will recede in time to

At Memphis the river is stationary, Captain McCoy, of the steamer Bluff, arrived in port from St. Louis and brings a | constantly at work pumping water that has very encouraging account of the improvement in the condition of the overflowed territory above Memphis. In order to make the trip down the river in daylight he remained over at Tiptonville all night He says that the waters have receded sufficiently to allow steamboats to land at all There is a marked improvement, and the outlook on the upper river is cheer-

RELIEVING THE DISTRESS.

Reports Received by Secretary of War Alger from Army Officers,

WASHINGTON, April 16.-Secretary Alger has received the following telegram in tents along the edge of the bluffs, high from his inspecting officer at Cairo, who has been working in the Yazoo district; still stand, but several show signs of immi-"Have completed inspection upper portion nent collapse. Down town everything is of my district from Ashport to Cairo and find the conditions slightly improved. The most extensive crevasse below Caruthersville, has widened to 3,200 feet. The engineer boat is on the scene. The water is falling at Cairo, but rising slightly below. About two thousand refugees from this section are collected at points on high Mississippi to within six inches of the danground." Another one of the army inspecger line. The rising flood has invaded the tors telegraphed from Greenville, Miss., cellars of many jobbing houses and the that the total area subject to overflow in his district was about four thousand square catine island, the great melon-raising miles, mostly in Phillips county. Arkansas, and in Coahoma, Quitman, Bolivar, Sunflower and Washington countles, Missisneighborhood of Burlington, Ia., the river sippi. He says that Flower lake crevasse is six miles broad and covers a wile area is draining off, but that the overflow is inof valuable bottom farm land in Ulinois. undating parts of Quitman, Coahoma and The farmers there have given up hope of Bolivar counties. The Concordia break is draining into Bogue Phalia and the over-flow is covering Bolivar and Washington countles. It is suggested that a ten days' supply of rations be sent at the earliest

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CASHIER SLAIN WHILE PROTECTING THE FUNDS OF HIS BANK.

practicable moment to supply 1,000 destitute persons and 100 head of stock in Quitman county, in which thirteen townships are in-

indated; also for 5,000 destitute and 500 head of stock in Coahoma county, where twelve townships are flooded; for 8,000 destitute and 800 live stock in Bolivar county, where

there are twenty-nine townships inundated.

On the Arkansas side it is reported that there are 5,000 destitute and 400 live stock

in Phillips and Monroe counties requiring

assistance. Thirty to forty days is the estimated period of time before laborers can

go to work in the inundated area, but as

this period will vary as to the locality the

inspector recommends that no supplies be

sent for a longer period than ten days.

"After ten days," he says, "if the flood

does not to some extent subside, the des-titution will reach its maximum and be

maintained at that until it becomes evident

that a crop this year is possible, in which event the number of destitute will rapidly

diminish and then the presence of relief supplies in the district will be a positive drawback to the prosperity of the district. If, however, it becomes evident that a crop

this year cannot be made the destitution

be by that time relieved. It will require a fall of about six feet in the river before

the banks will be clear and the inundated

Major Sanger, of the inspector general's corps, arrived in Washington to-day. He is the first of the officers sent out by Secretary

Alger to the flooded district to return to

this city. He explained verbally to Sec-retary Alger just what had been done by

him under his instructions to ascertain the

condition of the flood sufferers and arrange for their relief. Major Sanger's district lay

in the Mississippi valley down to Helena.

and across country over cotton fields and

farms in every direction where it was sup-

was made to the Flower lake crevasse, which was found to have extended to a

width of 1,800 feet. Major Sanger says that in the country overflowed from this break

some of the richest bottom land in the

South is under water, ranging in depth of

from two to twenty-five feet. As stations

were established negroes were sent out in

canoes throughout the flooded districts to

with extraordinary patience, clinging close-

y to their half-submerged cabins and un-

dergoing hardships in the hope of better

times. He says that if the waters recede by the 20th of May all will be well with

them and with economy and careful dis-

Landing Places Flooded.

cedes it leaves deposits of mud behind.

low spots several inches of water stands.

tracks on the river front. The permanent

tact. Some fears are entertained about

some of the St. Bernard and Plaquemine

parish embankments. The gauge at the

head of Canal street to-night showed 18.6

Up to the Top of the Levees.

of forty-one-hundredths. Above and below

here the levees will not stand any more

water. This is the statement of Captain

Thomas Rober, of the steamer St. Joseph,

engaged in rescue work near Vicksburg.

The following telegram was received from

Lake Palmyra and continue the rescue

crevasse water now coming out of the Ya-

zoo discharges about opposite to the Milli-

ume discharged at the mouth of the Yazoo

engorges and banks up the water of the

Mississippi considerably on the Louisiana

That the situation there is critical is be-

Railway Tracks Submerged.

slightly delayed there has been no serious

damage as yet. West of Kansas City. Kan.,

the Missouri Pacific tracks and may cause

a delay in traffic on that road before to-

morrow. The river here shows a three-inch

has not yet reached high enough to over-

flow Harlem or Armourdale, but both

places are on the verge of being inundated,

The packing houses have gangs of men

Water Falling at Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., April 16.-The river is

falling at this point, and it is believed that

the worst is over. The stream across the

north bottoms is still discharging an im-

mense volume of water into Cut-off lake,

but the dykes across the bottom are holding

well, and the receding river must soon re-

duce the influx. The waters in the lake have spread over the low ground at the

north and east, and this afternoon a dozen

more families were driven from their

and dry, waiting for the water to go down.

safe. The back water that was encroach-

ing on the Union Pacific shops did not get high enough to stop work. The other

threatened plants are all beyond danger un-

Muscatine Islands Flooded.

DAVENPORT, Ia., April 16 .- A seven-

inch rise has brought the waters of the

levee is almost entirely under water. Mus-

ground, is reported to be largely under

tion daily becomes more serious. In the

getting in their crops and much loss will

WARNED BY THE QUADRA.

American Vessels Must Not Catch Hal-

ibut Off British Columbia.

says the officers of the Canadian revenue

zier says that other American fishing ves-

sels have also been warned. He claims to

States authorities and is awaiting advices.

He hesitates, under the conditions, to send

the vessel to the banks. The greater part

of the Edith's catch was shipped from Ta-

coma to New York and Boston. The vessel

might be sent out from British Columbia ports under the British flag, but the duty

charged by the United States on halibur

unprofitable.

caught by British vessels would make the

business of catering to the American trade

no longer excuse, as the 10-cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm can be had. Drug-

have reported the matter to the United

result. The river is still rising.

Rains continue and the situa-

less another rise comes.

water.

Many of these people are camping

houses in the submerged districts

the water has encroached still further on

The anxiety everywhere is intense.

further pressure-must go."

a washout and while trains

seeped in through the sewers.

NATCHEZ, Miss., April 16.-The gauge

feet, a rise of one-tenth of a foot.

sult will be terrible.

posed people were to be found in need of

territory will drain out and replanting can

Knocked Down with a "Black Jack" and His Throat Cut by Two Men While Alone Near His Desk.

"SUSPECTS" ARRESTED

and suffering will increase and eventually extend to perhaps one-half of the entire population of the inundated country. If the flood subsides by the middle of May, as now seems likely, the destitution will be by the time relieved. ONE IS AN EX-CHAMPION AMATEUR BOXER OF NEW ENGLAND.

> Over \$6,000 in Cash Stolen from the Bank-\$100,000 in United States Bonds Overlooked.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., April 16 .- While resisting the entry of two desperate and determined robbers, and during a heroic but futile struggle to protect \$150,000 or more in money and securities in the compartments of the open vault of the Great help. Returning to the main river a visit Falls National Bank of Somersworth, this afternoon, Cashier Joseph A. Stickney was struck down and brutally murdered near the desk which he had occupied for years. After killing Stickney the murderers ransacked the vault and fled with all the cash it contained, with the exception of a fivedollar gold piece. As near as can be estinotify the people where they might come. Major Sanger says the inhabitants of the mated, about \$5,000 was taken, but it is possible that the loss will considerably exflooded section are bearing their infliction ceed this sum, as no one but the dead cashier knew the exact amount that was in the institution at the time. The robbers, after knocking Stickney down with a black jack,

cut his throat. tribution the funds already appropriated will be sufficient for the maintenance of The most remarkable feature of the robdestitute. But if the water | bery is the fact that \$100,000 in bonds holds up and it is not possible to make a the United States, which were kept in one crop this summer the distress that will reof the drawers of the big vault, and which the robbers evidently examined hastily, were not taken. Neither was any of the NEW ORLEANS, April 16 .- Considerable negotiable paper and securities of the bank inconvenience is being experienced on the -in fact, nothing is missing except the river front over the handling of freight on

account of the water now lodged on the No one was aware that there was anylevees. The appearance of things is very thing wrong at the bank until nearly 2 much worse than their actual condition. o'clock, or an hour after the murderous but it cannot be denied but what the apwork was done. The perpetrators had ampearance of the wharves to-day looks exceedingly gloomy. At certain stages of the of deputy sheriffs, marshals, police and citizens are scouring this section of the State and the adjoining State of Maine, which from this city is just across the Salmon Falls river. The men made their visit Protection levees have been put up and to the bank at the busiest time of the day these are being raised as required. The Southern Pacific and Northeastern roads in the locality where the bank is situated have found it necessary to raise their and so completely and thoroughly did they accomplish the robbery that only an unlevees are holding out very well, in spite of the gloomy outlook and the "nervous" certain clew and a very meager description information forwarded from the govern-ment weather office. Well-posted levee of them was obtainable

The bank was besieged by hundreds when engineers are of the opinion that at least the levees of Orleans parish will stand inthe news of the terrible affair became known, and large numbers of people came here from surrounding cities. Had the robbers been apprehended soon after the murder and robbery became public, would have been found difficult to prevent a double lynching in the Granite State. Great sympathy is expressed for the family notes a rise for the past twenty-four hours of the murdered man, who, in addition to his position as cashier and director of the Great Falls Bank, was treasurer.

It has always been customary for Cashier Stickney and the bank clerk, Mrs Parker Swayzee, to close the bank at o'clock and not reopen it until 2. To-day him to-day: "Rescued from Lovell's place Mrs. Swayzee left her desk at noon. The 169 persons, who would have gone under. cashier, however, remained, looking over To-day brought in 300. Will return by the bank's accounts, and it is thought he late to-night. The levees will not stand was preparing to go out when the robbers entered. The first suspicion that the bank had been robbed was at two minutes to when Frank P. Reed went up the stairken's Bend levee, and the force of the voicase of the bank building and found that the thick plate glass in the front outside or hall door of the bank had been shatlevees opposite for some distance above. tered. He notified City Marshal Eaton and they broke in the door and found evidences of a desperate struggle. On the noor, in a pool of blood, was the lifeless body KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 16.-Sub- Stickney. His head had been nearly sevmerged railway tracks between here and ered from the body, the robbers having cut St. Joseph is the principal source of damhis throat. The head was marked with age caused by the rise in the Missouri in several deep gashes made by a heavy black jack and the skull was fractured. The Leavenworth, Kan., and Hamburg, Mo., body was covered with blood, and the walls are partly under water. The railway peoand furniture bore additional evidence of the terrible deed. Stickney had died fight-

The first clew that the officers found was hurrying up the hill carrying a bag heavily weighted over his shoulder. He threw the bag behind a stone wall, changed some of driven by another man. Other persons reported seeing the buggy, and in West Rochester a horse and buggy were seen headed for Salmon Falls river, which forms the Maine State boundary. This outfit has mysteriously disappeared, despite the fact that the whole section hereabouts is being

searched to-night. There were undoubtedly two men con cerned in the affair. The outside door been locked by Mr. Stickney after Mrs. Swayzee's departure, and when the robbers found that they could not open it they smashed the plate glass which formed the upper half of it. The men then crawled through the hole made in the door. The door, which led into the apartment behind the counter, was fastened by a heavy iron bar. Marks have been found showing that one of the men had endeavored to raise the iron bar and Cashier Stickney endeavored to keep the bar in its. place. The robber was too much for the cashier, for the door was forced. It was then that the cashier made his last stand, and after a short but heroic struggle was felled. Physicians who have examined the body say that it is apparent that the victim pounded to death. Another fact brought out at the autopsy is that the weapon used to cut the victim's throat was a medium sized knife, the blade of which was very dull and left a deep and irregular wound. Mr. Stickney's family consisted of his wife, a son and two daughters. He was wealthy and well known in New England banking circles.

Arrest of "Suspects."

gan, the New England ex-amateur 125pound boxing champion, and Johnny Briggs were arrested this afternoon on suspicion of being concerned in the Teele robbery of Wednesday night. The officers had scarcely completed the search of the two men, which revealed \$80 and some Confederate coin, when a telegram was received from the mayor of Somersworth, N. H., asking that these very men be apprehended. The first telegram was followed in a few minutes by a second and that in turn by a third, all urging the police to use their utmost endeavors to secure the men, identi-Confederate coin was beyond a been stolen from the Teele residence. After his arrest Hartigan is said to have admitted to the police that he had been in Somersworth to-day. He stated that both he and Briggs went there on Wednesday but was positive in his statement that both of them left Somersworth at 10 o'clock this morning, going direct to Boston. A fourth telegram to the police from the mayor of Somersworth came late to-night. giving the additional fact that Stickney's murderers had been traced to the Boston train leaving at 2:10. This statement may clear Hartigan and Briggs in this affair, as the train does not reach Boston until 4:20, while the men were arrested in this city. twelve miles distant, at 4:33.

Lepers from Iceland. CAMPBELLTOWN, N. B., April 16.-Three lepers, natives of Iceland, have arrived at the lazarette at Tracadie, Gloucester county. They were brought from Win-Manitoba, in a freight car, which in the steerage of a steamship. They were she had such locu standi as would justify half way across the continent before the her conduct before all the world.

nature of their disease was suspected. One of them is a woman. They are to be immured in the lazarette for the rest of their

TOLEDO MAN SWINDLED. James H. Ainsworth Fleeced Out o

Hundreds of Thousands.

TOLEDO, O., April 16 .- James H. Ains worth, who is one of Toledo's most promnent business men, is in Detroit, sick and depleted in purse. He has been made the

> victim of what appears to be a great swindling scheme. A number of Toledo business men have been drawn into the difficulty as indorsers and loaners of money. As near as can be learned a man approached Ainsworth some time ago with a view to securing from him his interest in

the right of way of what is known as the Toledo & Monroe Railway, in which he held considerable stock. They represented that they had received a concession from the Canadian government for the organization of a lottery to be run with government sanction, and largely for charitable purposes, but in which, for the stockholders, there were enormous profits. Ainsworth traded for the lottery stock. Some time afterward two of the lottery men, under a pretext of needing money, offered \$200,000 worth of their stock to him. Later a third party came and wanted to buy Ainsworth's stock providing \$200,000 more could be secured The bait was taken and he bought from the first people the offered stock. Then the bubble burst. Attorneys and others interested are now in Detroit to devise some method of recovering a portion of the

TWENTY-ONE SEAMEN RESCUED BY THE STEAMER SNOWFLAKE.

Found on a Vessel That Had Beer Struck by a Cyclone and Was Floating Helplessly on the Ocean.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16. - Captain men of the Norwegian ship Senta, who were supposed to have been lost at sea were brought into this port to-day on the British ship Snowflake from Penrath, for Philadelphia. No one on board the Senta was lost, but all experienced a distressing time during the twenty-four hours prior to their rescue. The abandoned ship was recently reported at London as having been sighted by the steamer Idaho, and until this morning it was believed that all ple time to escape, and this evening scores who had been on board the unfortunate vessel were lost. The Senta left St. John. New Brunswick, March 16 for Newport, England. From the time of her departure from St. John she had strong westerly gales, and on the night of April 1 she was struck by a terrific cyclone. At 2 o'clock the following morning her deckload was swept overboard, she was dismasted and two of her lifeboats also went overboard. Later the rudder was lost, leaving the vessel helpless. The pumps were also smashed and water casks and all movables were

The crew had many narrow escapes from falling masts and wreckage. One poor fel-low, a Belgian sailor, had a leg broken. Three others suffered severe bruises, but were not seriously hurt. Signals of distress were displayed and after the Senta had floated about helplessly for several hours she was sighted by the steamer Snowflake. Mate Cook, of the latter vessel, with four men, put off in a small boat to succor the unfortunate crew. After several unsuccessful attempts they got a line on the Senta, which was made fast by those on board. In an orderly manner the twenty-one men lowered themselves on the rope to the water and passd along to the small boat and were taken to the Snowflake. The injured Belgian was aided by companions and later received surgical treatment on

the rescuing vessel. Lake Steamer Missing. BENTON HARBOR, Mich., April 16 .-The steamer Frank Woods left Milwaukee last night at 8 o'clock for this port. She is overdue more than twelve hours and no information has been obtained here as to her whereabouts. This steamer was makcharter of the Graham & Morton Transportation Company. She is commanded by | feeling in the air. If Greece now goes to Captain Plummer. The owner, Capt. R. C. Brittain, who has just rebuilt the steamer, is on board. A northwest gale and heavy sea prevails, causing intense anxiety regarding the steamer's safety. Mate Simmons, of the steamer Louisville, believes the steamer is lying in safety somewhere on the west shore It is not thought that any passengers left Milwaukee on the missing steamer. Her crew consists of fourteen men, and as far as could be learned are: Charles Plummer, South Haven, captain; W. A. Boswell, Benton Harbor, first mate; George second mate; Charles Saugatuck, engineer: Merch, Mattawan, second engineer; R. Taylor, Pennsylvania, wheelman; O. A. Shauman, clerk; Ross Sanford, Benton Joseph Mitchell Joseph, cook. The Woods carried a cargo of general merchandise. The list of names given leaves one wheelman, one watchman

Lake Vessels Wrecked. MILWAUKEE, April 16 .- A heavy north erly gale, accompanied by snow, prevailed on Lake Michigan to-day and navigation was somewhat perilous. The schooner Contest, lumber laden, went ashore at Kenosha, Wis., and is in danger of going to pieces. Her crew were rescued by the life savers. The schooner McCapron passed the piers at Racine and anchored in the breakers. The life saving crew went to her relief and succeeded in getting a line to a tug and pulling the imperiled craft into the harbor. A number of sailing craft were caught out in the gale and more dis-

two firemen and the second cook, unnamed

asters are expected. PENTWATER, Mich., April 16.-The schooner I. M. Forrest, of Chicago, unshipped her rudder during a storm this morning, leaving the harbor, and was driven into the beach broadside, where it is expected she will go to pieces. The crew of five men were taken off by life savers.

Torpedo Shell Lost by the Indiana. NEW YORK, April 16.-The battle ship Indiana, which lies anchored off Tompkinsville, lost one of her torpedo shells on the morning of the 14th while at target prac-WALTHAM, Mass., April 16 .- Con Harti- | tice. The torpedo shell was a blank one eighteen feet long, and was fired at an imaginary target 500 yards distant from the battle ship. When fired on Wednesday morning the mechanism of the shell got ou of order and the practice crew were unable to find it. It is supposed that the ...r chambers got out of order. The torpedo shell cost \$2,500, and several boat crews from the Indiana have searched the waters of the upper and lower bay endeavoring to locate it, but so far without success.

> Movements of Steamers. QUEENSTOWN, April 16.-Arrived: Luania, from New York, for Liverpool Sailed: Gallia, from Liverpool, for Boston NEW YORK, April 16 .- Arrived: Edam. from Amsterdam; Marsala, from Hamburg, Arrived: Patria, from Marseilles. SOUTHAMPTON, April 16.-Sailed: Normannia, from Hamburg, for New York,

Opposed to War in South Africa. CAPE TOWN, April 16.-In the House of Assembly to-day a motion was introduced dilating on the disastrous and lasting effects which hostilities among the Europeans in Africa would produce and inof moderation and conciliation in the differences in the terpretation of treaties and conventions. Rose Innes, under secretary for native affairs, moved an amendment to the effect that the ends desired would best be attained by a strict observance of the convention and the redress of the genuingrievances of the uitlanders. In the course of his remarks in support of this amend ment, Mr. Innes said the situation was too acute to be remedled by pious aspirations adding that he did not was directly behind the locomotive and was Kruger, who himself urged a maintenance placarded to warn the public to keep away of the convention, would resent Cape from it. The victims of the disease came | Colony expressing its opinion. In conclu-Thousands suffer from catarrh. There is | into Canada through the ports of Halifax | sion, Mr. Innes said that Great Britain or St. John after having crossed the ocean | could not interfere in the Transvaal unless

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WAR SEEMS CERTAIN

GREEKS SEE NO WAY OUT OF THEIR DIFFICULTY EXCEPT TO FIGHT.

Immediate Hostilities Wished For but the Government Hesitates to Make Declaration.

ON SKIRMISHES FRONTIER

BETWEEN TURKS AND GREEK IR-REGULARS STILL CONTINUE,

With the Advantages in Favor of the Former-Blockade of Crete Not Recognized by Uncle Sam.

LONDON, April 17.-The Larissa correspondent of the Times says: "Every one here continues to declare that an outbreak of war is inevitable within the next two or three days, especially as it is now known that in high quarters at Athens a peaceful solution of the difficulty is regarded as almost hopeless. The authorities here are seriously counting the cost of embarking in such a struggle, but other influences are urging them on. Meanwhile it is perfectly certain that the irregulars, unless restrained, will again invade Macedonia in order to compel the Porte to declare war.' The Athens correspondent of the Times says: "There is little doubt that the Athening her first voyage of the season under | ians are fully awake to the great dangers of the situation. There is a pessimistic war it will not be with a light heart. The desire for war is not abated. On the contrary, immediate hostilities are wished for, but it is now realized that the impending conflict will entail enormous sacrifices and possibly a crushing disaster. The Greek nation may be compared to a man who feels bound to fight a duel in order to save

> A dispatch from Larissa to Athens, received at 11:30 o'clock last night, says that an engagement has taken place near Nezeros, on the frontier, in which artillery participated. The dispatch gives no details of A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from only.

occupied Baltino and other stations. Their sentries fire on every one trying to cross

The Rome correspondent of the Standard says it is stated there that Admiral Canevaro, commanding the international fleets in Cretan waters, has received notice from the American government that the United States does not recognize the existence of a blockade of Crete.

GREEKS REPULSED. Successful in One Battle, but Driven Back in Another. (Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press.)

LARISSA, Headquarters of the Greek Army in Thessaly, April 16 .- Severe fighting has occurred in Macedonia between the Greek irregulars and Turkish forces The column of irregulars sent to the right from Pigavitza, after having invested and captured Sitovon, continued its advance toward Kritudes, Plisia and Kourduzi, with orders to hold Kourduzi at all costs. as it commands the right approach to Grevena, the objective point. This column, commanded by Chiefs Zermos and Luzzo, attacked Kritudes on Tuesday. The place was defended by two companies of Turks. After a severe fight, during which eighty Turks were killed and twenty-five were taken prisoners, the position was captured by the Greeks, who also obtained possession of 150 rifles and a quantity of cart-The insurgents, however, have suffered a

severe check in another direction. A strong

force of Turkish troops from Mecovor with a number of mountain guns, advanced on Krania, which had previously been captured by the Greeks, and attacked the four hundred irregulars of Greece who occupied an intrenched position. It is reported that the fighting was ferocious on both sides. The insurgents eventually were compelled to retreat north to the mountains. Some of them, however, succeeded in breaking through the Turkish lines and escaped to Baltino, the town just across the frontier in Macedonia, first occupied by the Greek irregulars and used by them as a depot for provisions and ammunition. The accounts given by the refugees of the Turkish losses are believed to be exaggerated. They say that 265 Turks were killed, while the irregulars only had eight men killed and seventeen wounded. leader of the Greeks operating in that direction, Chief Milonas, was among the wounded and returned later into Greek territory with a number of the refugees. One of the latter says that a portion of the Turkish force was composed of irregulars whose dress resembles that of the Greek insurgents. This, it appears, enabled the Turkish force to execute a flank movement, unheeded by the leaders of the Greeks. The refugee referred to blames the Greek leaders for badly handling their men. All the refugees bore traces of having experienced great fatigue, and it is reported that the Ethnike Hetairia, or National League, has ordered the Greek irregulars to retreat into Greek territory, regarding further bloodshed as useiess unless the regular army of Greece supports the irregulars.

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A PRISONER'S STORY.

He Says the Greek Insurgents Were

Led by Army Officers.

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ELASSONA, Headquarters of the Turk-

ish Army in Macedonia, April 15-(Delayed

in Transmission) .- Your correspondent has

just seen a prisoner who was captured by

the Turks during the fighting which has

taken place at Krania with the Greek ir-

regulars. The man was dirty, wore tat-

tered clothes and had on his head a helmet

on which was the badge of the Ethnike

Hetairia (National League of Greece). He

declared that he belonged to a band of ir-

regulars which left Trikhala after receiving

an ovation from the inhabitants of the

place, under the command of a captain and

two lieutenants of the Greek regular army

and accompanied by a medical officer, who was wounded. This expedition, the prisoner added, was organized by officers of the Greek regular army, and was openly

ordered to invade Turkey, not to harm the villagers, and to fight the Turkish troops

After these statements it is difficult to

deny that the Greek irregulars were or-

ganized with the knowledge of the Greek

authorities. This confirms the inquiries

made on this subject by Seyfoulah Bey, an

officer on the staff of Ednem Pasha, the

Turkish commander in chief, formerly an

attache of the Turkish legation at Athens,

and consequently familiar with the per-

sonal appearance of many Greek officers,

insurgents. The whole matter appears to

form the basis for a grave accusation against Greek good faith.

Your correspondent has visited the great-

er part of the frontier line in this district. and after inspecting all the passes is con-vinced the Turks hold such strong posi-

tions that the Greeks will never be able to

enter Turkish territory in force. In fact,

the correspondent cannot even imagine the

Greeks will make an attempt to do so

while, on the other hand, the Turkish com-

mander in chief could send a mass of

troops into Greece by several routes and

Another Letter from Gladstone.

LONDON, April 16.-Mr. Gladstone has

written a letter to the Macedonian leader,

Captain Dampzes, in which he says:

"Under the present deplorable scheme all

the British government has the right to

do, seemingly, is to plead its opinions be-

fore a tribunal of two youthful despots-

the Emperors of Germany and Russia-and

to abide by their help to execute their final

determinations. Our disgraceful office

seems to be to place ships, guns, soldiers

and sailors at their disposal for the pur-

pose of keeping down the movement for

the liberty of Crete and of securing to these

young despots, who have in no wise earned the confidence of Europe, the power of de-ciding questions which rightfully belong to

Shelled by Turks.

CANEA, April 16 .- The insurgents have

attacked the Animbali blockhouse, near

Fort Izeddin. There was heavy firing all

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